

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4743–4777*

**Measures Introduced:** Nineteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2067–2085. **Page S4773**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 1102, to promote security and energy partnerships in the Eastern Mediterranean, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4770**

**Measures Passed:**

*America's Water Infrastructure Act Technical Corrections:* Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 1811, to make technical corrections to the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018, and the bill was then passed. **Page S4776**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** Senate received the following executive reports of a committee:

Report to accompany The Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain (Treaty Doc. 113–4) (Ex. Rept. 116–1);

Report to accompany Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation (Treaty Doc. 112–1) (Ex. Rept. 116–2);

Report to accompany Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Japan (Treaty Doc. 114–1) (Ex. Rept. 116–3); and

Report to accompany Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 111–8) (Ex. Rept. 116–4). **Pages S4771–73**

**King Nomination—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 198), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S4760–61**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 11, 2019. **Pages S4776–77**

**Pallasch Nomination—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of John P. Pallasch, of Kentucky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 199), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4761**

**Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11 a.m., on Thursday, July 11, 2019, Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, and John P. Pallasch, of Kentucky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, in the order listed; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Peter C. Wright, of Michigan, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency, the post-cloture time expire at 1:45 p.m.; and that the Ranking Member of the Committee on Environment and Public Works control the time from 1 p.m., until 1:40 p.m. **Page S4764**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 78 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. EX. 195), T. Kent Wetherell II, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.

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By 80 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. EX. 196), J. Nicholas Ranjan, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

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By 85 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. EX. 197), Damon Ray Leichty, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

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**Executive Communications:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** Page S4776  
**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—199) Pages S4748–49, S4761  
**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4776–77.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 149, to establish a Senior Scams Prevention Advisory Council, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 153, to promote veteran involvement in STEM education, computer science, and scientific research, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 384, to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, to help facilitate the adoption of composite technology in infrastructure in the United States, with amendments;

S. 553, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a working group to recommend to Congress a definition of blockchain technology, with amendments;

S. 1342, to require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to update periodically the environmental sensitivity index products of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for each coastal area of the Great Lakes, with amendments;

S. 1427, to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to improve the Network for Manufacturing Innovation Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1601, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue a rule requiring all new passenger motor vehicles to be equipped with a child safety alert system;

S. 1611, to ensure appropriate prioritization, spectrum planning, and interagency coordination to support the Internet of Things, with amendments;

S. 1694, to require any Federal agency that issues licenses to conduct activities in outer space to include in the requirements for such licenses an agreement relating to the preservation and protection of the Apollo 11 landing site, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1881, to provide PreCheck to certain severely injured or disabled veterans; and

The nominations of Stephen M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Michelle A. Schultz, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, and a routine list in the Coast Guard.

### AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine investing in America's surface transportation infrastructure, focusing on the need for a multi-year reauthorization bill, after receiving testimony from Luke Reiner, Wyoming Department of Transportation Director, Cheyenne; Carlos M. Braceras, Utah Department of Transportation Executive Director, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, and Vicki Arroyo, Georgetown Climate Center, both of Washington, D.C.; Max Kuney, Associated General Contractors of America, Spokane, Washington; and Carolann Wicks, University of Delaware School of Public Policy and Administration, Townsend.

### ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT EMERGENCY AUTHORITIES

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine defense cooperation, focusing on the use of emergency authorities under the Arms Export Control Act, after receiving testimony from R. Clarke Cooper, Assistant Secretary, Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.

### SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAM

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine how the Special Diabetes Program is changing the lives of Americans with Type 1 diabetes, after receiving testimony from Griffin P. Rodgers, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Aaron J. Kowalski, JDRF, and Victor Garber, both of New York, New York; Ruby Anderson, JDRF Children's Congress, Yarmouth, Maine; and Adriana Richard, JDRF Central Pennsylvania Teen Task Force, Milton.